

...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR ROLESVILLE IN WAKE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA...

LOCATION...ROLESVILLE IN WAKE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

DATE...MARCH 06, 2011

ESTIMATED TIME...510 PM EST

MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF-0

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...70-75 MPH

MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...50 YARDS

PATH LENGTH...2 MILES

BEGINNING LAT/LON...35.93N / 78.45W

ENDING LAT/LON...34.94N / 78.42W

\* FATALITIES...NONE

\* INJURIES...1

\* THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF THE EVENT(S) AND PUBLICATION IN NWS STORM DATA.

...SUMMARY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN RALEIGH NC HAS CONFIRMED A TORNADO NEAR ROLESVILLE IN WAKE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA ON MARCH 06, 2011.

AT APPROXIMATELY 510 PM EST ON MARCH 6, 2011 A WEAK EF-0 TORNADO WITH WINDS BETWEEN 70-75 MPH TOUCHED DOWN JUST NORTHEAST OF DOWNTOWN ROLESVILLE ALONG HIGHWAY 401 (MAIN ST). THE TORNADO TRACKED TO THE NORTHEAST FOR 2 MILES ALONG HIGHWAY 401 BEFORE CROSSING HIGHWAY 96 AND THEN LIFTING.

NUMEROUS TREES WERE SNAPPED AND BUILDINGS DAMAGED FROM THE 300 BLOCK TO 700 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET (HIGHWAY 401). AT 502 MAIN STREET SHINGLES WERE TORN FROM A HOME AND THE ROOF OF THE PORCH WAS LIFTED OFF. AT 506 MAIN STREET A GREENHOUSE WAS DESTROYED AT THE PURE SEED TESTING EAST FACILITY. SEVERAL OUTBUILDINGS AT THE FACILITY ALSO HAD THEIR TIN ROOFING REMOVED. CONTINUING NORTH ON MAIN STREET A CARPORT WAS RIPPED FROM THE SIDE OF A HOUSE AT 708 MAIN STREET. TWO OUTBUILDING WERE ALSO DESTROYED ON THE PROPERTY. A ONE STORY CHURCH AT THE INTERSECTION OF PULLEY TOWN ROAD EXPERIENCED MINOR ROOF DAMAGE WITH NUMEROUS SHINGLES RIPPED FROM THE ROOF. TREES WERE NOTED DOWN AND OUTBUILDINGS DAMAGED ALONG MAIN STREET (HIGHWAY 401) FROM PULLEY TOWN ROAD TO CREEK PINE DRIVE. A CAR WAS DAMAGED BY A LARGE FALLING LIMB NEAR CREEK PINE ROAD. THE TORNADO THEN CROSSED HIGHWAY 96 DESTROYING ANOTHER OUTBUILDING. THE TORNADO LIFTED OFF THE GROUND SHORTLY AFTER CROSSING HIGHWAY 96.

AN ELDERLY MAN WAS INJURED FROM THE TORNADO DUE TO A HOUSE FIRE. FALLING TREES BROUGHT DOWN POWER LINES ONTO THE HOUSE ALONG MAIN STREET NEAR PULLEY TOWN ROAD. THE ARCING POWER LINES CAUSED THE HOUSE TO CATCH FIRE. THE ELDERLY GENTLEMAN WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL TO BE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AND BURNS.

SPECIAL THANKS TO WAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE ROLESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTING WITH THE DAMAGE SURVEY.

THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WEATHER.GOV/RAH](http://WEATHER.GOV/RAH).

FOR REFERENCE...THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE CLASSIFIES TORNADOES INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

EF0...WIND SPEEDS 65 TO 85 MPH.

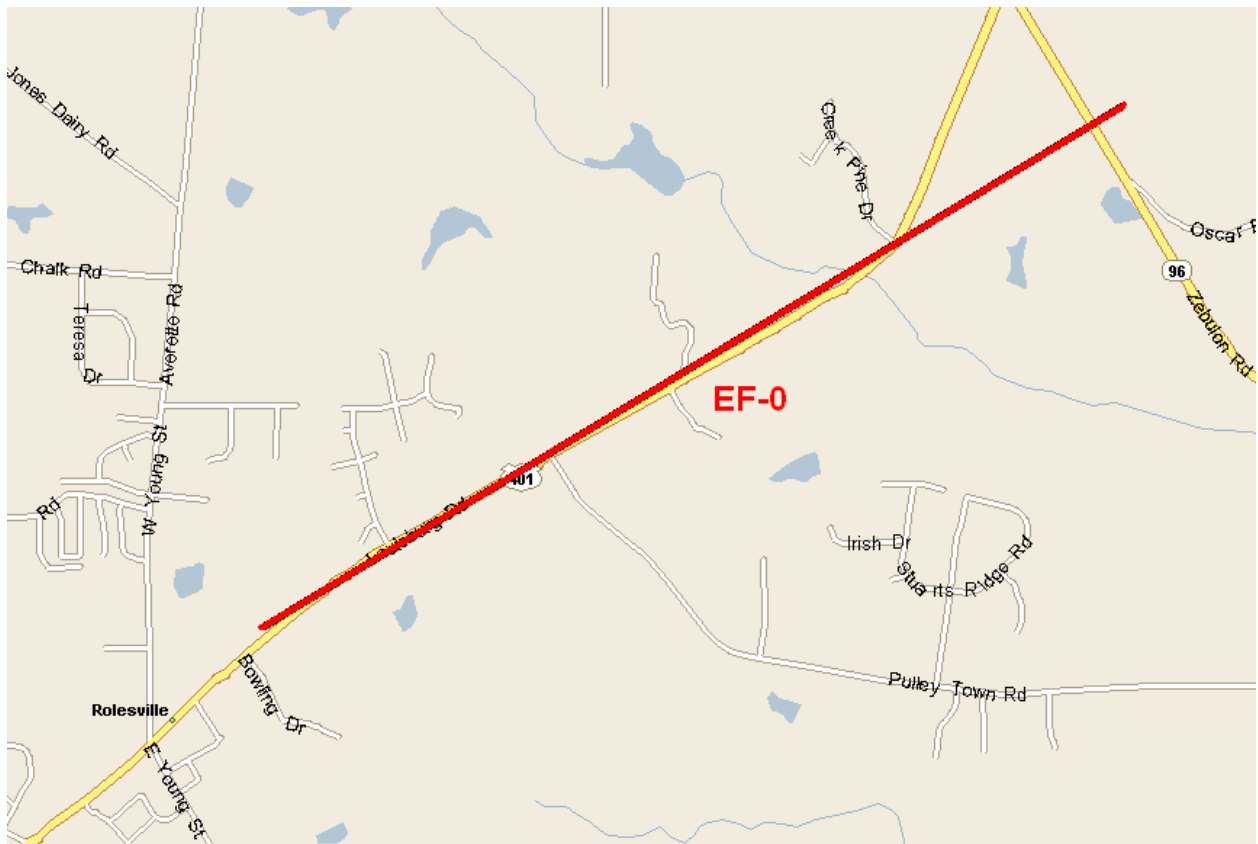
EF1...WIND SPEEDS 86 TO 110 MPH.

EF2...WIND SPEEDS 111 TO 135 MPH.

EF3...WIND SPEEDS 136 TO 165 MPH.

EF4...WIND SPEEDS 166 TO 200 MPH.

EF5...WIND SPEEDS GREATER THAN 200 MPH.



Track of EF-0 tornado along Highway 401 near Rolesville, NC.



Porch damaged at 502 Main St.



Greenhouse destroyed at 506 Main St.



Damaged outbuilding near Creek Pine Dr.



Tin roof removed from outbuilding.



Carport destroyed at 708 Main St.



Shed destroyed along Highway 96.